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## INVITES YOU TO A SYMPOSIUM ON **CAN INTER-LINKING RIVERS AND GREENING THEIR BANKS SAVE OUR CITIES?**

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2017, 10 AM TO 1.30 PM

@ ASHIRWAD (BEHIND KABAB CORNER), ST. MARK'S ROAD CROSS, BANGALORE 560001

Inter-linking rivers is proposed as a panacea for extending water security to urban and rural areas forever. In addition, there is mass mobilisation to green riverbanks to save rivers. And mega river water diversions are promoted to support expansion of metropolises and urban-industrial corridors.

How sustainable are these ventures? Will such mega projects secure India's socio-economic and ecological futures? What are the outcomes if such projects fail to deliver?

The symposium is organised in an effort to unpack the assumptions that underlie mega river and urban projects, so we can appreciate their ecological, political and economic ramifications. Such understanding might help make wise choices for present and future generations.

### Key Speakers:

**Prasanna Heggodu**, playwright and theatre activist ('What do rivers mean to us now?')

**Maj. Gen. S. G. Vombatkere (Retd.)**, National Alliance of Peoples Movement ("Is inter-linking rivers viable?")

**Dr. Jagdish Krishnaswamy**, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (Does greening river banks save rivers?)

**Suprabha Seshan**, Gurukula Botanical Sanctuary, Wayanad ('Listening to Rivers')

**A. R. Shivakumar**, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (Making Bangalore Water rich)

**Dr. Sharatchandra Lele**, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (Can river water sustain Bangalore's water demands?) - TBC

**Bhargavi S. Rao**, Environment Support Group (Is Cauvery in her death throes?) -TBC

**Joe Athialy**, Centre for Financial Accountability, Delhi (Where is the money to finance these mega projects?)

**Himanshu Upadhyia**, Azim Premji University (Is there any due diligence of these mega-projects?)

**Leo F. Saldanha**, Environment Support Group (Can rivers survive prevailing politics of rampant urbanisation?)

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